Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

May 2011

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended May 21, 2011, there were 535,900 persons employed in Saskatchewan during May 2011, an increase of 17,200 from April 2011 and 2,400 more than the number employed in May 2010.

Agricultural employment was 42,800 persons in May 2011, up 3,300 from the April 2011 level but 1,800 less than the May 2010 agricultural employment level of 44,600. Non-agricultural employment was 493,100 persons in May 2011. This is an increase of 13,900 from the April 2011 non-agriculture employment level of 479,200 and 4,200 more than May 2010.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for May 2011 was 4.9 percent. This is a decrease of 0.7 percentage points from the April 2011 rate of 5.6 percent and 0.1 percentage points lower than the May 2010 level of 5.0 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 14,300 to 563,700 persons in May 2011 from 549,400 persons in April 2011. This is 2,200 more than the May 2010 labour force of 561,500 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 1.7 percentage points to 70.6 percent in May 2011 from 68.9 percent in April 2011. The May 2010 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 71.1 percent.

There were 27,800 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during May 2011. This is a decrease of 2,900 from April 2011 and is 300 less than the number unemployed in May 2010.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 526,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan in May 2011, up 2,500 from the April 2011 level of 524,300 and is up 1,200 from the May 2010 employment level of 525,600 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May 2011 was 5.0 percent. This is unchanged from both the April 2011 and May 2010 rates.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 389,900 persons in May 2011 to 17,478,700 persons from 17,088,800 persons in April 2011. In May 2010, there were 17,161,400 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.4 percentage points to 7.5 percent from the April 2011 level of 7.9 percent. In May 2010, Canada's unemployment rate was 8.4 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.4 percent in May 2011. This is 0.2 percentage points lower than April 2011 and 0.7 percentage points lower than the May 2010 level of 8.1 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	May 2011	April 2011	May 2010	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,888.6	18,557.8	18,725.2	330.8	163.4
Employed ('000)	17,478.7	17,088.8	17,161.4	389.9	317.3
Full-Time ('000)	14,161.3	13,662.0	13,875.3	499.3	286.0
Part-Time ('000)	3,317.3	3,426.8	3,286.1	-109.5	31.2
Unemployed ('000)	1,410.0	1,469.0	1,563.8	-59.0	-153.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.5	7.9	8.4	-0.4	-0.9
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.4	7.6	8.1	-0.2	-0.7
Participation Rate (%)	67.6	66.5	67.8	1.1	-0.2
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	563.7	549.4	561.5	14.3	2.2
Employed ('000)	535.9	518.7	533.5	17.2	2.4
Full-Time ('000)	438.6	418.3	437.1	20.3	1.5
Part-Time ('000)	97.3	100.4	96.4	-3.1	0.9
Unemployed ('000)	27.8	30.7	28.1	-2.9	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	5.6	5.0	-0.7	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	70.6	68.9	71.1	1.7	-0.5
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,204.8	2,168.5	2,180.3	36.3	24.5
Employed ('000)	2,087.6	2,036.2	2,025.2	51.4	62.4
Full-Time ('000)	1,751.9	1,674.1	1,690.4	77.8	61.5
Part-Time ('000)	335.7	362.1	334.8	-26.4	0.9
Unemployed ('000)	117.2	132.3	155.1	-15.1	-37.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	6.1	7.1	-0.8	-1.8
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.4	5.9	6.7	-0.5	-1.3
Participation Rate (%)	73.5	72.4	73.8	1.1	-0.3
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	667.0	654.7	665.2	12.3	1.8
Employed ('000)	631.3	619.2	627.6	12.1	3.7
Full-Time ('000)	511.1	495.7	507.1	15.4	4.0
Part-Time ('000)	120.3	123.5	120.5	-3.2	-0.2
Unemployed ('000)	35.6	35.4	37.6	0.2	-2.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	5.4	5.7	-0.1	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.3	5.2	5.9	0.1	-0.6
Participation Rate (%)	70.1	68.9	70.8	1.2	-0.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	May 2011	April 2011	May 2010	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	563.7	549.4	561.5	14.3	2.2
Male	303.7	295.1	301.8	8.6	1.9
Female	260.0	254.3	259.7	5.7	0.3
15-24 Years of Age	97.8	88.5	102.3	9.3	-4.5
25+ Years of age	465.8	460.9	459.2	4.9	6.6
EMPLOYED ('000)	535.9	518.7	533.5	17.2	2.4
Male	288.5	276.7	286.6	11.8	1.9
Female	247.4	242.0	246.8	5.4	0.6
15-24 Years of Age	87.6	76.8	92.8	10.8	-5.2
25+ Years of age	448.2	441.9	440.7	6.3	7.5
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	27.8	30.7	28.1	-2.9	-0.3
Male	15.1	18.4	15.2	-3.3	-0.1
Female	12.6	12.3	12.9	0.3	-0.3
15-24 Years of Age	10.2	11.7	9.5	-1.5	0.7
25+ Years of age	17.6	19.1	18.6	-1.5	-1.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	4.9	5.6	5.0	-0.7	-0.1
Male	5.0	6.2	5.0	-1.2	0.0
Female	4.8	4.8	5.0	0.0	-0.2
15-24 Years of Age	10.4	13.2	9.3	-2.8	1.1
25+ Years of age	3.8	4.1	4.1	-0.3	-0.3
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	70.6	68.9	71.1	1.7	-0.5
Male	76.8	74.7	77.3	2.1	-0.5
Female	64.5	63.2	65.1	1.3	-0.6
15-24 Years of Age	71.4	64.6	74.1	6.8	-2.7
25+ Years of age	70.4	69.8	70.5	0.6	-0.1

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	May 2011	April 2011	May 2010	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	42.8	39.5	44.6	3.3	-1.8
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.0	22.9	25.4	2.1	-0.4
Utilities	5.7	5.4	4.5	0.3	1.2
Construction	39.6	35.6	41.9	4.0	-2.3
Manufacturing	27.7	28.7	32.0	-1.0	-4.3
Trade	80.7	82.2	78.6	-1.5	2.1
Transportation and Warehousing	27.3	25.7	26.1	1.6	1.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	31.4	31.0	31.3	0.4	0.1
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	23.4	24.7	25.9	-1.3	-2.5
Business, Building and Other Support Services	12.4	11.2	13.4	1.2	-1.0
Educational Services	42.2	41.7	41.9	0.5	0.3
Health Care and Social Assistance	67.2	66.2	66.2	1.0	1.0
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.8	17.6	19.0	3.2	1.8
Accommodation and Food Services	32.2	29.9	29.8	2.3	2.4
Other Services	24.6	25.1	22.5	-0.5	2.1
Public Administration	32.9	31.3	30.5	1.6	2.4
Total	535.9	518.7	533.5	17.2	2.4
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	438.6	418.3	437.1	20.3	1.5
Part-Time	97.3	100.4	96.4	-3.1	0.9
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	436.9	422.2	431.1	14.7	5.8
Public Sector	140.2	137.1	134.4	3.1	5.8
Private Sector	296.7	285.0	296.7	11.7	0.0
Self-Employed	99.0	96.5	102.4	2.5	-3.4

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	May 2011	April 2011	May 2010	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,478.7	17,088.8	17,161.4	389.9	317.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	232.1	220.9	227.2	11.2	4.9
Prince Edward Island	75.2	67.7	73.0	7.5	2.2
Nova Scotia	458.1	439.5	463.3	18.6	-5.2
New Brunswick	357.3	341.6	361.5	15.7	-4.2
Quebec	4,021.2	3,899.0	3,934.7	122.2	86.5
Ontario	6,790.9	6,691.0	6,657.3	99.9	133.6
Manitoba	631.3	619.2	627.6	12.1	3.7
Saskatchewan	535.9	518.7	533.5	17.2	2.4
Alberta	2,087.6	2,036.2	2,025.2	51.4	62.4
British Columbia	2,289.1	2,255.0	2,258.0	34.1	31.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.5	7.9	8.4	-0.4	-0.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.3	13.3	14.1	-1.0	-1.8
Prince Edward Island	10.0	14.6	9.4	-4.6	0.6
Nova Scotia	8.7	9.9	9.0	-1.2	-0.3
New Brunswick	9.8	11.5	9.9	-1.7	-0.1
Quebec	7.1	8.6	7.8	-1.5	-0.7
Ontario	8.3	7.9	9.4	0.4	-1.1
Manitoba	5.3	5.4	5.7	-0.1	-0.4
Saskatchewan	4.9	5.6	5.0	-0.7	-0.1
Alberta	5.3	6.1	7.1	-0.8	-1.8
British Columbia	7.4	7.9	7.7	-0.5	-0.3

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	May 2011	April 2011	May 2010	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,308.7	17,286.4	17,035.3	22.3	273.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	229.0	231.7	224.3	-2.7	4.7
Prince Edward Island	71.5	71.5	70.2	0.0	1.3
Nova Scotia	449.0	447.6	456.3	1.4	-7.3
New Brunswick	351.4	352.8	358.0	-1.4	-6.6
Quebec	3,980.8	3,956.0	3,906.7	24.8	74.1
Ontario	6,729.5	6,745.6	6,613.9	-16.1	115.6
Manitoba	624.0	624.0	619.9	0.0	4.1
Saskatchewan	526.8	524.3	525.6	2.5	1.2
Alberta	2,068.6	2,060.1	2,012.3	8.5	56.3
British Columbia	2,278.1	2,272.9	2,248.0	5.2	30.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.4	7.6	8.1	-0.2	-0.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.9	11.1	13.7	0.8	-1.8
Prince Edward Island	11.9	11.2	10.8	0.7	1.1
Nova Scotia	9.0	9.2	8.7	-0.2	0.3
New Brunswick	9.5	10.0	9.0	-0.5	0.5
Quebec	7.3	7.8	8.0	-0.5	-0.7
Ontario	7.9	7.9	8.8	0.0	-0.9
Manitoba	5.3	5.2	5.9	0.1	-0.6
Saskatchewan	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0
Alberta	5.4	5.9	6.7	-0.5	-1.3
British Columbia	7.6	7.9	7.6	-0.3	0.0

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	May 2011	April 2011	May 2010	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	5.9	5.9	8.3	0.0	-2.4
Halifax	6.4	6.6	5.9	-0.2	0.5
Saint John	6.6	7.1	7.9	-0.5	-1.3
Quebec	7.1	7.4	5.9	-0.3	1.2
Montreal	8.1	8.6	9.1	-0.5	-1.0
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.1	6.3	6.4	-0.2	-0.3
Greater Sudbury	8.2	8.2	9.1	0.0	-0.9
Toronto	8.6	8.2	9.6	0.4	-1.0
Winnipeg	5.6	5.7	5.7	-0.1	-0.1
Regina	5.5	5.9	4.6	-0.4	0.9
Saskatoon	6.2	6.5	5.9	-0.3	0.3
Calgary	5.9	5.9	7.7	0.0	-1.8
Edmonton	5.7	6.0	7.7	-0.3	-2.0
Vancouver	7.7	8.4	7.7	-0.7	0.0
Victoria	5.9	6.0	5.6	-0.1	0.3
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	162.0	159.1	159.0	2.9	3.0
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	50.4	50.7	51.7	-0.3	-1.3
Saskatoon-Biggar	173.5	171.0	176.6	2.5	-3.1
Yorkton-Melville	39.4	38.9	41.1	0.5	-1.7
Prince Albert & Northern	98.5	97.4	95.6	1.1	2.9

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	May 2011	April 2011	May 2010	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	553.6	548.8	553.4	4.8	0.2
Employed ('000)	523.6	516.8	522.0	6.8	1.6
Unemployed ('000)	30.0	31.9	31.3	-1.9	-1.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.8	5.7	-0.4	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	69.4	68.8	70.2	0.6	-0.8
Employment Rate (%)	65.6	64.8	66.2	0.8	-0.6
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	507.9	504.2	509.3	3.7	-1.4
Employed ('000)	485.4	480.8	483.9	4.6	1.5
Unemployed ('000)	22.5	23.4	25.4	-0.9	-2.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	4.6	5.0	-0.2	-0.6
Participation Rate (%)	69.7	69.3	70.7	0.4	-1.0
Employment Rate (%)	66.7	66.1	67.2	0.6	-0.5
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	45.7	44.6	44.1	1.1	1.6
Employed ('000)	38.1	36.0	38.1	2.1	0.0
Unemployed ('000)	7.6	8.5	6.0	-0.9	1.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	16.5	19.2	13.5	-2.7	3.0
Participation Rate (%)	65.8	64.3	64.8	1.5	1.0
Employment Rate (%)	54.9	52.0	56.0	2.9	-1.1
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	17.9	17.4	17.5	0.5	0.4
Employed ('000)	13.6	12.9	14.1	0.7	-0.5
Unemployed ('000)	4.3	4.5	3.4	-0.2	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	24.0	26.0	19.3	-2.0	4.7
Participation Rate (%)	58.9	57.5	58.6	1.4	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	44.7	42.6	47.4	2.1	-2.7
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Labour Force ('000)	27.7	27.0	26.1	0.7	1.6
Employed ('000)	24.5	23.0	23.5	1.5	1.0
Unemployed ('000)	3.3	4.0	2.6	-0.7	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.8	14.8	9.9	-3.0	1.9
Participation Rate (%)	71.1	69.5	69.2	1.6	1.9
Employment Rate (%)	62.8	59.2	62.3	3.6	0.5

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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